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Ms. Tracey Hanson
First Selectman
Town of Voluntown
P. O. Box 96
Voluntown, Connecticut 06384

Re: Beach Pond Winter Drawdown Request 2019/2020

Dear Selectman Hanson:

This letter responds to your request to draw down Beach Pond eight (8') feet during the 2019/2020 winter season. Your request for a drawdown has been reviewed and approved for a **two (2') foot drawdown** in accordance with the Department's drawdown policy adopted for Beach Pond in 2008. The Department understands that the purpose of the requested drawdown is to reduce shoreline erosion, prevent ice damage to retaining walls, and undertake certain repairs to existing structures.

The **two (2') foot drawdown** will commence on or about October 30, 2019 and will be managed by Mark Darin from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The drawdown will be managed to restore the normal water surface elevation by early April 2020 in time for the start of fishing season. However, there is always a risk that refilling may not be achieved by the target date due to unusually dry weather conditions. The next anticipated drawdown at Beach Pond, based on the previously established drawdown policy, would occur during 2022/2023 winter season.

This drawdown service will be provided on an actual expense reimbursement basis, with an approximate wage rate range of \$60-\$70 per hour plus any additional direct costs incurred. The Department estimates that this service will require no more than 30 hours. A bill for these services will be sent at the end of the 2019/2020 drawdown season. Please note that there have been years when weather has prevented achieving the desired drawdown level, and if this happens, you will be charged for the time that has been spent attempting the drawdown.

Questions regarding implementation of this two (2') foot drawdown should be directed to Mark Darin at (860) 376-4075.

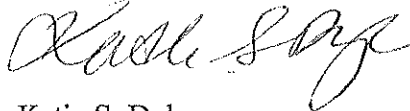
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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Robert J. Hannon of my staff at (860) 424-3245. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Katie S. Dykes", written in a cursive style.

Katie S. Dykes
Commissioner

cc: Scott Dawley, DEEP
Mark Darin, DEEP
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